ADDRESS TO AULD SCOTLAND

By ROBERT ORR, Junior

My address to Auld Scotland, the place o' my birth,
To thy mountains and glens, to that fair spot on earth,
To the home o' my childhood on Garnock's clear stream;
Thy dear heather hills I aft see in my dream.

I see Cock-ma-lane that stands high on the moor, Above auld Glengarnock, whose walls have endured The storm wreck of ages, the moor's piercing wind, And the river below dashing through Garret's Linn.

The sauch and the rowan tree nod to the blast.
As wave after wave is hurrying past.
And the mavis sings bonnie on hawthorne and birk:
Yes, weel I remember the auld parish kirk.

Oh, can I forget the hours I ha'e strayed,
And how aft on the stenhers o' Carnock I've played.
And catched the wee guttles that darted alang,
And hunted for nests o' the robin and wren.

Paduffs were burnie rins wimpling along,.

Methinks I can hear that sweet murmuring song,

As down through the bank neath the Craigus twould steal

Where aft I has watched he old water wheel

I see the boss tree stand close to the knowe.

Whar bonnie sweet gowans 'mang sourocks would grow.

The loch wi' her cairn and plantation sae braw.

Are dear to me yet if they are far awa'.

There is noe a spot my heart can forget.

Whar in youth I hae strayed or freens I hae met.

On the green by the Mill where George and I ran.

And poued the wee gowan o' my native land.

Yes, I remember auld Scotia's green braes, Ye blue bells and thistles I'll sing to your praise, Your woods and your streams, where wild birdies sing, And bring to the ear sweet notes o' the spring.

Kilbirnie the hame whar my forefathers sleep.
The hame o' my childhood across the blue deep.
Auld Scotia in tears I must bid you adieu.
I love you sae fondly. I'll still think of you.

In sorrow I must bid adieu to the past.
To the scenes I still love, for my lot it is cast
In a far foreign clime, in a land they ca' free.
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